

Dear Chairman Powell,

As a consumer of electronic products, and consumer-purchased copyrighted songs, movies, and other digital media, I strongly object to the proposal that implementation of "broadcast flag" support be mandatory in consumer video equipment supporting the HDTV standard. It is an inappropriate regulatory restriction on fair use rights granted to me by U.S. copyright law and will unnecessarily limit my choices, rights, and ability to enjoy copyrighted media that I legitimately own or have access to view.

The FCC should not implement rule making to satisfy the special interests of media conglomerates against the best public interest of the citizens whose communications infrastructure it is tasked with protecting for their benefit.

Do not mandate compulsory compliance with the broadcast flag for HDTV transmissions. This is anti-consumer and an infringement on rights granted to US citizens under existing copyright law.

I also believe such restrictions would hamper the HDTV technology market as a whole in the form of both diminished sales and future innovation.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Eric Waldman